

Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development
Alaska Workforce Investment Board
New Board Member Biographies
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NEW MEMBERS

Pearl A. Strub, of Dillingham, is director of education, employment and training for the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corp., and previously worked as its education project director. She has been a managing partner in a salmon processing firm since 2004. She previously was workforce development director and education program manager for the Bristol Bay Native Association. She was a member of the University of Alaska's College of Rural and Community Development advisory council from 1998-2005, and of the university's Bristol Bay Campus advisory council since 1995. Pearl has been a director of several subsidiaries of Choggiung Ltd., the Alaska Native village corporation for Dillingham, and of Choggiung's education endowment foundation. She was appointed to a seat for a representative of business and industry.

Ken J. Peltier, of Palmer, has been administrator of the Alaska Operating Engineers/Employers Training Trust since 2007. He started with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 302's apprenticeship program in 1990, and after graduating worked 14 years as a heavy equipment mechanic and operator, foreman and superintendent with Wilder Construction. He became a dispatcher, then business agent for the union in 2003, and was safety coordinator for the Municipality of Anchorage's maintenance department in 2006. Ken previously served three years on the Alaska Labor Relations Board, and two years on the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's labor advisory board. He was appointed to a seat on the workforce development board for a representative of postsecondary vocational education.